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## SEMIFINALISTS HONOR MBA

On September 17, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced that eleven MBA seniors had qualified as National Merit Semi-finalists. These seniors, who show MBA to have both a numerical and a percentile superiority over the other Nashville schools, are ranked in the top one-half of one percent of the nation's scholars and are among fifty-four Nashville students and one hundred Middle Tennessee seniors who have received this honor. The Semi-finalists are Norvell Rose, Bill Earthman, Deaver Collins, David Bryant, Clark Baker, Jack Herndon, Chip Hill, Joe Marable, Jim Callaway, Jim Sugg, and Steve Ezell.

Norvell Rose serves as editor-in-chief of the Bell Ringer, vice-president of the Forensic Club, and president of the Dramatics Club. He has also been an active member of the MBA chorus for four years and has played leading roles in several of MBA's play productions.

Bill Earthman, who serves on the staffs of both the Bell and the Bell Ringer, to which he devotes many long hours as circulation editor, has played for three years on the varsity golf team, of which he is captain this year, and is a

member of the Forensic Club, Dramatics Club, and Big Red Club.

Deaver Collins, one of the news editors of the Bell Ringer and a recipient of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute award, has been an active member of the Forensic Club for two years and is serving as its president this year. In addition, he has wrestled for the past three years on the varsity wrestling team, of which he is this year's co-captain.

David Bryant serves as treasurer of the Honor Council and as senior assistant editor of the Bell Ringer. He also is a participant in the Forensic Club and contributed to Dramatics Club productions last year.

Clark Baker, a member of the Big Red Club and the staffs of both the Bell and the Bell Ringer, is a starter on the varsity football team and a member of the FCA. He also serves as quartermaster for his Explorer Post.

Chip Hill, an Eagle Scout, was on the JV football team last year and wrestles again this year with the varsity matmen.



Seated left to right: Clark Baker, Deaver Collins, Jim Sugg, Bill Earthman, Joe Marable, Jim Callaway; standing left to right: Jack Herndon, Chip Hill, David Bryant, Norvell Rose, Steve Ezell.

Joe Marable, a member of the FCA, has played varsity football for three years and is starting on this year's team. He has also been a member of the Big Red Club for the past two years.

Jim Callaway has been a member of the news staff of the Bell Ringer for the past two years and is presently a member of the Big Red Club. He is perhaps best known for his outstanding efforts as a three-year man in General Athletics and for his diligent work as Assistant Five Marshal.

Steve Ezell, a member of the FCA and the Big Red Club, is

now playing on the varsity football team for his second year. Steve is also a member of the business staff of the Bell.

Jim Sugg, a two-year participant in the Forensic, Dramatics, and Big Red Clubs, is serving this year as head manager of the varsity football and baseball teams. Jim's infamous somnambulist moods are supposedly attributable to his nightly capitalistic efforts at Burger Chef.

In addition to the eleven Merit Semi-finalists, ten MBA seniors received Letters of Commendation. Rob Barrick, Biff Ewers, Billy Frist, John Gibson, Sammy Howell, Blair Wilson, David Goetz, Tom Nesbitt, Steve Burkhalter, and John "Julian" Thomas received this award, bringing the total number of National Merit award winners from MBA to twenty-one, thirty-five percent of the class of 1970.

## Class of '69 Gives Montgomery a Bell

On September 12, Brett Kirkpatrick, Mac Pirkle, and Dave Alexander, three well-known "seniors of '69", returned to these "hallowed halls" to fulfill a promise of last June. Their mission was to present the school with the gift from the 1969 graduating class, a large bronze bell. It is to be a symbol of support and unity in various school activities.

Following its presentation, the

bell was rung, and the initial "gong" resounded throughout Wallace Hall. Commencements, sports events, and other important occasions are to be marked by the ringing of the bell. It is to follow the Big Red through all challenges, whether at home or on foreign territory, and it shall remain as a sovereign symbol of the spirit, pride, and loyalty of MBA students for many years to come.



Pirkle and Kirkpatrick look on as Alexander, grimacing with pain, hoists bell for all to see.

## BULLETIN

On Friday, October 10, Mr. Carter was notified by a health-minded student in his AP American History class that the price of milk had soared to 13 cents per half-pint. Mr. Carter, interested in keeping the price of bodybuilding down, took up this sousing matter with the student body. (It was too big for the student council.) He declared

that the matter should be resolved by a referendum. The two choices were 8 ounces of milk at a more moderate 12 cents or 10 ounces of milk (for Coach Owens' "big uns") at 15 cents. The votes were cast. By a narrow margin, MBA students sided with the smaller size. Long live democracy!

## Escape From Czechoslovakia

During the 8th period on October 1, Miss Vera Langerova, a fugitive from Czechoslovakia, addressed approximately 80 boys about her experiences in Czechoslovakia and her difficulties in immigrating to the United States. Miss Langerova's speech was her first public appearance since her escape from Czechoslovakia.

Miss Langerova explained why she fled the country that she still loves very much. In Czechoslovakia a person who wants to attend college must state on a form if he has relatives living in the Western countries; if one has relatives in the United States as does Miss Langerova, he cannot attend college. Because of her strong desire to continue her education, Miss Langerova did not state on her form that she had relatives living in the West. Later, after being questioned by government officials for five hours about her relative in the United States, Miss Langerova was expelled from school within a week of graduating. Miss Langerova mentioned that she was expelled on the grounds of espionage.

Because of her "crime", Miss Langerova had difficulty in finding a suitable job. She passed the exam for each job which she ap-

plied for, but the police would not let her accept any of them; therefore, she had to do menial work. As a result, Miss Langerova never managed to stay in a job for the three-year period necessary for an emigration visa, although she tried to appeal her conviction on espionage charges to all the ministers and even to the President.

Because of her difficulties in Czechoslovakia, Miss Langerova thought of escaping from her country. She pointed out that for a Czech to leave the country to visit another, he had to have a friend from that foreign country extend an invitation. Miss Langerova wrote herself a letter and had a friend who was going to England mail it from England. Finally having received a passport, she managed to get through customs by taking a non-stop train and deftly hiding her contraband papers from the officials.

Miss Langerova could not return to Czechoslovakia because she remained in England for more than the three weeks stated on her temporary passport. She visited the American Embassy in London, where she tried to obtain a job permit. Because she could not get the permit, Miss Langerova could get only domestic jobs.

She said that the people in the Embassy were "very impolite and rude", and that they made no effort to obtain an immigrant visa for her. Despite her strong desire to come to America, Miss Langerova could not obtain immigration status because she was in England illegally.

She then went to Munich, Germany in hope of obtaining a refugee visa to the United States. When she arrived in Munich, the American Embassy in London notified her that she could now have a job permit. Subsequently she was able to work in England for the length of time necessary to qualify her for immigration status in the U.S. During this period she obtained the American sponsor that was needed for her immigration. The sponsor is Mr. Wyatt, Sunday editor for the Nashville Tennessean. With the sponsor and the visa, Miss Langerova finally immigrated to the United States.

When asked about her first impression of America, Miss Langerova said that she remembered the darkness of the night and then the lights of the moving cars. She said that "it has been wheels ever since". She first

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## Commitment

## What and Why?

"Time is but the stream I go a-fishing in. I drink at it; but while I drink I see the sandy bottom and detect how shallow it is." Henry David Thoreau was concerned with the brevity and uncertainty of life, as can be seen in this selection from *Walden*. Because of the transitory nature of the earthly existence, Thoreau urged that man sink his feet "through the mud and slush of opinion, and prejudice, and tradition, and delusion, and appearance" till he reaches a "hard bottom and rocks in place, which [he] can call reality." Easier said than done? A man must have great drive and determination if he is to succeed in taking hold of "reality"—he must be committed. Commitment is an important subject for all ages, races, religions, and classes of people—that mixture of emotions, equations, ideologies, and organic complexities which we call Humanity.

At one time or another, a man must ask himself what he intends to do with his life, what goals he has in mind for himself. I daresay that for the millions of people who have asked this question, only a very few of them have been able to give an immediate and truthful answer. Of course there are the obvious responses that pertain to the present or to the near future, such as the successful completion of school or the finding of a profitable job. One should, however, try to find a purpose to his life, an ultimate goal at which he can always be aiming. Naturally, different people have different beliefs and ideals to which they are committed, and no one should condemn another's philosophy because it is not in agreement with his own. Tolerance is a characteristic which all men need to incorporate into their lives.

We hear of countless young people who are searching for their "thing", their particular role in life. These people, as well as many others who will not admit it, have found nothing to which they can truly commit themselves. Yet they are looking; they want to adopt some standards which they can try to live up to. Having looked within themselves, they have found no roots of belief, no concrete foundations upon which they can build happy, rewarding lives. Some employ radical methods in creating a basis for their philosophies of life; some try drugs or other stimulants. Many look for the easy way out: they never totally commit themselves

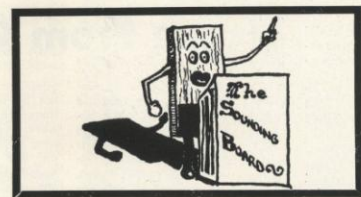
to anything and are consequently only half alive. One must be committed to someone or some idea or goal to reap the full pleasures that can be found in a worthwhile existence.

What do I mean by "be committed"? True commitment involves devoting one's life, one's sincere efforts to the accomplishment of some goal or the fulfillment of a personal promise. Yes, this is easier said than done; for by man's very nature, he strays from the most obvious paths into thickets of trouble and misfortune. Of course wandering from the "beaten path" is not always harmful and, in some cases, is the best solution to one's dilemma. Don't be afraid to be different. Total commitment often involves suffering and humiliation. One must stand firm even in the face of rejection; for a man wants to be able to respect himself, and it is hard to respect a coward.

At our stage in life, there are various areas in which commitment plays a significant part. Our football team is determined to win every game that it plays and fights with no less spirit when they find themselves trailing their opponents. The teachers are committed to providing the best education possible for their students, and their pupils should be committed to taking advantage of the opportunity to learn, not only the wisdom found in books, but also the insights gained by associating with other people. MBA can certainly help prepare one for the challenge of a life in the modern world, our "plastic society" as some disillusioned people wish to call it; but one must open his eyes and look for the questions as well as the answers. When you've got a minute or two, sit beneath one of the magnolia trees on the lawn, watch the bustling traffic on Harding Road, and ask yourself what you're doing and why. See if you can answer the question; I'll be that you can't!



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Junior year has two purposes: to teach Juniors and to give them dress rehearsal for Senior year. This is the year in which even the sleepers may find themselves joining clubs and glancing at college catalogues. Junior year presents a chance to polish the shenanigans that will play a part in the Senior comedy. Junior year is exposure to the work that composes the Senior Tragedy. Junior year is the year in which students develop their special identity: those who have been leaders, thinkers, athletes, debaters, and all-around good guys begin to realize the importance of their contributions to MBA.

Junior year is "the Awakening". For Jamie Stiffer and the cross-country team it is a record-breaking performance at Lipscomb. For Bill Summers it is grinding out yardage for the football team. For Tad McWhirter it is a surprise speech at a pep rally. For English class it is investigating XXX-rated social comment. For Sonny Bodo it is producing XXX-rated social comment. For Harold Crump it is leading the 1st period revolt in English class. For Mr. Turner it is the 8th period discussion group. Academically "the Awakening" has been the same Gulliver, Captain Ahab, vectors and idioms, as well as some other items that have been added to the curriculum (German, art, chorus, and speedreading). Socially, "the Awakening" has happened at football games, in discussion and derision huddles, in fraternities, and in clubs and other groups in which Juniors are members.



I have concluded that I must stay at Vanderbilt . . . I feel a tangible and widespread sense of common cause with those who constitute the University. . . . We have much promise and many problems.

Chancellor Heard's decision to remain at Vanderbilt is one of the two most important occurrences at Vandy this year, the other being our victory over Alabama. Aside from these, exciting things are happening all around campus, a few of which I'd like to tell you about.

Academically, Vanderbilt has long been recognized as a leader in the South, and is presently striving to gain national recognition. One of her most outstanding departments is chemistry, on which I can comment most accurately, since I am a major in this field.

Housed in the new \$4 million Science Center, the Chemistry Department has absolutely first-rate laboratory facilities for undergraduates as well as for more advanced students. Each student has his own lab locker, equipment, and work space; and all work is done independently. The Physics Department has excellent facilities, also, and those of the Molecular Biology and Math Departments are soon to be improved.

More important than the buildings, though, are the professors, and thus far my chemistry professors have ranged from very good to superlative. Although my classes have sometimes been very large, they have always been taught effectively and enjoyably.

In addition to the honors courses in chemistry, there are those in math and English; and a student can take advanced courses in any subject in which he is qualified. Any MBA student is adequately prepared for the regular courses and should seek advanced work whenever possible. Since there are fewer tests and fewer class hours in college, there is sufficient time to do the required work.

In describing Vanderbilt it would not be fair if I didn't mention that one of the required courses, the History of Western Civilization, is really bad. I know that it has been changed since I took it, but from what I hear, it is still very much of a bore.

Beyond the classroom there are opportunities for activity in almost every field. Socially, the fraternities and sororities are traditionally most important, although the consensus is that their influence is declining. The athletic program has gained widespread publicity for its successes. For anyone who wants to learn about chess, sailing, politics, debating, medicine, or almost anything else, there is a club for him to join. If one is interested in publications, Vanderbilt is unique in having two student newspapers with opposing viewpoints.

For the past two summers, Vandy has granted scholarships covering summer-school tuition to anyone planning to graduate in three years. I have taken a year of biology and German and will thus save a year's expenses. The student who intends to do graduate work should consider this program carefully.

There are generally summer jobs available in the various departments. The Chemistry Department hired several students who were able to participate in research and at the same time earn money.

For those people interested in helping others, Vanderbilt Hospital seeks qualified volunteers to work in the different departments. I am working in the Emergency Room, and the experience is invaluable. Of course I don't get to do anything glamorous; but whenever I'm free, I can talk with the doctors and watch them in action.

With all the recent talk of student power, perhaps some of you wonder where Vanderbilt stands. Both the school newspapers are uncensored, and organizations such as Forum and Impact are free to invite any controversial speaker to the campus. Vandy is one of a handful of schools with recent graduates as members of the Board of Trustees. The list of rights and responsibilities goes on, and perhaps I should add that they were all won peacefully and rationally.

Although I certainly don't think that everyone should attend Vanderbilt, I do feel that anyone who closes this college will find adequate excitement and challenge.

We wish to thank Bill Terry for taking the time to contribute a few of his ideas about Vanderbilt. This is the first of a series of articles concerning various colleges that the "Bell Ringer" will present. We hope that you will find the comments made by former MBA students interesting and helpful.

It is possible that for many of us, this year at MBA may have more significance than any other; next year we should have one foot planted on the ground of the outside world. If we are to leave MBA prepared for college and later life, we must all wake up and be alert to our surroundings. Now is the time: time to work, laugh, and even think. It is to this class' credit that most of us are making good use of this year so far. We are practicing for next year so that our class will make '71 the year of Achieving the Goal.

—Wade Sutton



"Gosh, I hope I don't have to have my annual picture made again!"



## Cross-Country Team Runs Undefeated

Tuesday, September 30, the MBA cross-country team won its first meet of the season against Lipscomb and Ryan at Lipscomb. The score was MBA: 28, Ryan: 31, and Lipscomb: 60 (The lowest score wins in cross-country). First place was taken by Jamie Stifler with 11:06.9 for the two miles, breaking Lipscomb's old cross-country record. Clay Stephens finished a very close second after battling for first the entire race. MBA also placed sixth and seventh, thanks to John Abernathy, followed by Frank Purdy. Brock Stevenson came in twelfth just in front of John Van Volkenburg, who was thirteenth. Steve Barkley was sixteenth.

On a cold, windy October 14, MBA won its second cross-country meet of the season with 38 points to Ryan's 40. Also in the

race were Maplewood with 68 points and Lipscomb with 74. Jamie Stifler came in third with a time of 10:54, and Clay Stephens was fourth. Both boys broke two-mile course record of 11:06.9 set by Stifler earlier in the season. John Abernathy finished in sixth place and Frank Purdy was tenth. Brock Stevenson and John Van Volkenburg were fifteenth and sixteenth.

So far MBA's cross-country team is undefeated. Although the team gets little publicity, they are as dedicated a group of boys as anyone would want. Led by veteran Jamie Stifler and rookies Clay Stephens and John Abernathy along with the fine support of Stevenson, Barkeley, Purdy, Van Volkenburg, Diehl, and many others, the team has made great progress since the start of the season. Much credit is of course due to the efforts of Mr. Novak, the coach of the squad.

## G A F L

This year the Bell Ringer would like to recognize the boys who don't wear letter jackets or receive athletic honors, but do face the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat every afternoon. General Athletics has turned out several "fine athletes" in touch football, soccer, volley ball, and basketball. General Athletics, known as G.A. around school, has its rewards. It puts all boys in top physical condition and develops the body for all semi-strenuous endeavors. Such results are Rusty Bright, a five-year veteran; Jim Callaway, a six-year man; Marshall Trammell, Rob Olker, Fred Guttman, and David McKie.

### OLKER:

Spellings	37-32
Guttman	58-19
Stevens	54-37

### SPELLINGS:

Olker	32-37
Stevens	33-27
Guttman	52-6

### GUTTMAN:

Olker	19-58
Stevens	39-26
Spellings	6-52

### STEVENS:

Spellings	27-33
Guttman	26-39
Olker	37-54



Mr. Holcomb gives a few tips on the art of G.A. football.

## J. V. FOOTBALL

### M.B.A. 18, Franklin 6

This year's "edition" of the M.B.A. Junior Varsity Football team has yet to be defeated. Led by a tenacious defense and an aggressive offense, the team is led by varsity players and regular J.V. players. There are few individual stars on the J.V., but the fact that the club is undefeated is due entirely to an effort by the whole team, which is under the leadership of Mr. Crawford Alexander and Mr. John Riggins. Here is a brief account of how the J.V. games have gone thus far:

The team's offense started rolling in this game. M.B.A. touchdowns were scored on a beautiful 54-yard scamper by Tee Zerfoss, a pass from Whit Holcomb to Al Whitson, and a two-yard plunge by Jim Hamilton. Again, the defense was led by McKee, Regan, and Murphy. The only mar on the offense was a fumble and an attempted punt; the snap went over Roy Reese's head, and Franklin pounced on the ball at the Big Red 10-yard line and went on in for the score.

### M.B.A. 0, Hillwood 0

The Big Red used an outstanding defensive effort, particularly by Bob Murphy, Jimmy Regan, and Jimbo McKee, to hold a powerful Antioch team scoreless. The opponent's team was composed mostly of varsity players, and the game was marred for them by fumbles, interceptions, and penalties. This was the result of the tenacity and hard hitting on the part of both teams.

The Big Red traveled to Hillwood and were surprised to find the opponent's entire starting team made up of varsity players, and two backfield starters who play first string varsity. However, the fantastic M.B.A. defense led by Zerfoss, Murphy and Regan stopped them cold. The Big Red recovered an astounding total of seven fumbles and intercepted three passes. Jim Regan caused one fumble and jumped on two others, while Bob Murphy pounced onto three of Hillwood's misdeeds; also, Tee Zerfoss intercepted two passes and nearly returned one of them for a touchdown. The offense, led by Tee Zerfoss and Ken Quillen, never could get the ball across the goal line, and the Big Red fought to a 0-0 tie.

While the offense is composed of mostly varsity players, it has been the defense which is made up entirely of J.V. players that has led the team.

This ball club could go all the way undefeated, especially if the offense improves. It appears that coaches Alexander and Riggins are doing a fine job in preparing these players for future varsity experiences.

## FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

The Freshmen had a shaky start this year after working hard for three weeks under the direction of Coach Condra and Coach Tillman. They were beaten by Highland Heights by a score of 30 to 0. Coach Condra worked hard with the backs, Coach Moats with the line, and the Freshmen came back with a win over Franklin by a score of 6-0. The Freshmen have been plagued by injuries to their starting quarterback, Dick Klausner, and to a fine center, Ricky Rule. Despite the injuries, the Freshmen show a great deal of promise for the remaining season.

Other scheduled games include Apollo and Ryan.

# Winning Streak Ends

Hillwood 12, M.B.A. 0

This year's football season started on a sad note, as MBA was defeated by a strong Hillwood squad. Led by Joey Runion and Chuck Wood, Hillwood dominated the first part of the game with a half-time score of 12-0.

However, the young, inexperienced Big Red came out strong the second half, constantly threatening to score. Outplaying Hillwood, the Big Red completely stopped the Hillwood offensive at ack. Although MBA lost the game, they showed great promise for future games. Playing an outstanding game against the Topers were Bill Summers, the leading rusher, and Dave Goetz, the leading tackler. In the second half Fred Fisher, sophomore quarterback, suffered an ankle injury. This greatly hampered the Big Red offensive attack.

### Pearl 34, M.B.A. 8

MBA traveled to Pearl determined to keep its record against the Tigers unblemished. The Big Red scored first on a pass from Billy Frist to Jack Herndon. MBA held on for a short time, but Pearl broke through for a touchdown to make the score 6-6 MBA. Pearl never really had any scoring drives but made the "big plays" when needed. Porter Williams starred for Pearl by scoring three times on long plays. Although MBA threatened several times, the Big Red was slowly worn down by Pearl's experience and superior speed.



Doug Anderson fights for tough yardage during the MUS game.

### Overton 15, M.B.A. 14

Seeking its second victory after several disappointing setbacks, MBA came up with one of its best efforts of the season against Overton, behind the throwing of Fred Fisher and the spectacular catches of John Eason. By half-time the Big Red had rolled up a 14-0 lead. With a fine effort from the defense, MBA seemed to have the game wrapped-up, but late in the third quarter Overton connected on a thirty-five yard pass play and then converted for two points. In the fourth quarter, Overton again scored on a long pass and made the crucial extra point. At the final gun, the score was Overton 15 and MBA 14. This was a heart-breaking loss for MBA, who had completely dominated the game until its waning moments.

### MUS 27, M.B.A. 19

Having traveled to Memphis on October 17, the Big Red lost to MUS 27-19. Beginning with an MUS drive for a touchdown, the momentum was soon reversed as Jack Herndon scored on a 58-yard pass from Fred Fisher. After another MUS touchdown, Steve Burkhalter rambled 72 yards with a fumble giving MBA the lead, 13-12. However, a quick touchdown by MUS before the half, making the score 20-13, seemed to turn the tide. In the second half, MUS scored first but the Big Red roared back to make the score 27-19. MBA was unfortunately hampered by injuries to John Eason, Brant Lipscomb, Reb Ferrell, and Bill Peerman. Dave Goetz, Eason, and Burkhalter all gave outstanding performance.



## Remedy

The lights will burn and so shall I  
When all about me they will fly  
And strain their bulging eyes to see  
Just what it is inside of me  
That makes me laugh instead of cry.

With looks of woe they'll stand  
and stare  
And run their fingers through  
their hair  
And wonder whether I have  
found  
A truth above their sense of  
sound  
That with them I can never  
share.

They'll clothe me all in sterile  
white  
And look on me with frigid fright  
And try to shake me from my  
daze

To change me to their painful  
ways  
But that will be a fruitless fight.

For I shall smile as they run  
wild  
And lie among them calm and  
mild.

Since I'll not fear a dying day  
Or years that quickly pass away  
To them I'll live much like a  
child.

I'm not like those, who fear their  
end;  
For I see death as one kind  
friend

And see the true reality  
That life just wants a death to  
be

A sure and potent remedy  
For all the ills that life can send.  
—Mike Regen

## Art Lab

The heart of Mrs. LeQuire's art lab is throbbing heavily these days. The attic floor of Greenwich Village (Mr. Sloan's old house) is lined with materials, tools, and larger works in the making. Sculpture is the ultimate expression this semester; works are being fabricated from various media, ranging from wooden logs, plaster, and wire to salt blocks and fiberglass. The completion of these works aims toward the exchange show with Harpeth Hall, planned for later this year. Certain members of this highly creative art lab have even devised a way to pipe running water up to the art lab.

## Untitled

Be thou friend to mere peasants?  
Thou should give friendship to  
saints;  
Friendship of yours humbles men  
with sentiment.  
Thou hast made me out to be  
much,  
I am born only among the  
peasants,  
A man hard-nosed, that has little  
sentiment.  
I shall forever try to pay thee  
back, even being such.  
—Dick Workman

## The Winning Machine

Until this year, the Big Red had the longest undefeated streak in the NIL. M.B.A. is now 1-5; however, the Big Red has only been outscored 16 points by all teams, excluding Pearl, a fine club who soundly beat us. Five teams have outscored the Big Red by only 16 points! Obviously, the Big Red has been tough in every department except wins. M.B.A. is moving toward another fine season since we become stronger with each game. This is due to the youth on the club. The seniors, who are relatively few in number, have had to work diligently to gain their positions from the sophomores and juniors.



... And a hush fell over the crowd.

Such outstanding sophomores and juniors include: Bill Peerman, Fred Fisher, Bob Latimer, Bill Summers, Brant Lipscomb, Ted McCarley, Ernie Leonard, Tad

### HARDING ROAD BARBER SHOP

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Do the Beatles exist?  
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or is it just a gross figment  
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JACK TODD '50

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"Year Round Toy Store"



The volunteer waitresses who helped make our Spaghetti Supper a big success.

McQuirter, and many others. Yes, the Big Red is young but is motivated by its desire to set a new record. M.B.A. has a losing record now, and it may end this way, but so far this year many things have been accomplished. M.B.A. should finish this season strong and have a very rewarding year.

One of the most disappointing aspects of this year's football season, other than the won-loss record, has been the lack of student support and enthusiasm. Seeing the crowds dwindle to only a few students is a disgrace to the school. The football players practice everyday in order to represent M.B.A. ably. Getting home each night about 7 o'clock, these boys are making a great sacrifice in playing football; however, the student body shows little respect for their efforts.

Lately, even enthusiasm at pep rallies has reached a new low, and less than one-half of the students appear at the games. Even worse is the fact that only about one-half of the students at the game cheer. This year's team deserves much better support than it is now receiving. Improving each game, the Big Red is developing into a solid football team. Our season could have easily been 5-1, with only Pearl soundly defeating us. For the remaining games every student should feel it his duty to come to the games and support his school.

## Apocalypse

A wandering soul is cast astray  
By high-flung spirits of the day  
A feeling found in rosy depths  
Of hollow minds by high winds  
swept

The bluebird warbles in the tree  
And clouds of fancy cover me  
My eyes are lost in wayward  
dreams

And time forgets the mellow  
scenes

The call of ages lost in gold  
Of ancient wisdoms clothed in  
mold

The tall and towering oak tree  
bows

To obscure but lovely vows  
The murky shadow comes to rest  
And tired old legions claim their  
best

A trophy gleams amid the dust  
And spiders spin on Plato's bust  
A generation plays the tune.

Of merriment above the moon  
Too soon the clock has ticked its  
last

And sun and stars their light  
have cast

The rent is large—too large to  
mend

The air is heavy — the figures  
bend.

A fire burns bright and lights the  
sky

The time for parting ways is nigh  
Good night my friend I'll see you  
soon

Where scented songsters mourn  
and croon

The night is old and creatures  
warn  
Of dismal tidings of the morn

A figure limps among the leaves  
Of once read books and dogwood  
trees

The sounds of spritely dances call  
To earthly people one and all  
But somewhere in the masses  
creeps

The infant whom the clown  
o'erleaps

A wretched being from afar  
Whose mien not even fire can  
mar

Crawls and hides in caverns dank  
Where many tarnished hopes held  
rank

Again the cry of haughty bird  
Whose tongue can almost shape  
the word

O man of pleasure standing still  
Can ever dawn surmount the hill  
But why such sadness do we  
bear

When all the time there's nothing  
there?

—Norvell Rose



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Friendly Steve Burkhalter, anxiously waiting to use the phone, gives Mark Wesson "the word."





Dr. Bell "rings in" the new school year with some timely advice for the students.

## Assembly Speakers Ease Morning Blues

As its first guest assembly speaker, MBA was privileged to hear, as in past years, Dr. Wayne Bell, pastor of the Vine Street Christian Church. Speaking on the first day of school, Dr. Bell gave the students some constructive advice with which to face the coming year.

Also this fall, a representative from Junior Achievement spoke to the assembly in order to gain support for the Junior Achievement program. Citing the large number of "J.A." companies in the Nashville area and some of the interesting new companies such as radio and television stations, he was able to gain the interest of several of our students.

Mr. Paul Doster, an agent of the Secret Service assigned to Nashville, appeared before the student body to explain the function of his organization. The Secret Service, a division of the Treasury Department, was most noticeable last year while protecting all presidential candidates. Their work, however, goes on yearlong in many United States

cities. Mr. Doster also mentioned that one MBA graduate, Steve Miller, is presently on duty as a White House agent.

Perhaps the most interesting speaker this fall was Bill Williams of rhyming-weather fame, who presently serves as Southern Editor of *Billboard* magazine. Mr. Williams spoke on the history of the recording business in Nashville and of present opportunities open for potential artists and song writers.

Before Mr. Williams' talk, most MBA students thought that Nashville's "music" was not worth the sheets that it was printed on—in fact, the students hide their faces at the mention of the Grand Ole Opry. Mr. Williams, however, was able to find merits in the sounds that come from 16th Avenue, South. In addition, he was able to captivate the Wallace Hall audience for more than thirty minutes, which is no mean accomplishment. Because of his admirable speaking ability and genuine interest in Nashville's music, Bill Williams was a great success with the MBA student body.

## ★ AP Notes ★

In addition to teaching American History, Mr. Carter is also a constant source of information in matters relating to school policy. Unfortunately, however, his opinions have remained for the most part unknown except to those overburdened students in his class. It is the purpose of this article to express some of this invaluable information in hope that the other students will also profit from its wisdom.

**Moratorium**—Mr. Carter stated that although he did not really agree with this protest movement, he did not mind the occasional wearing of colored arm bands. Indeed, he thought the bands would add color to the dress of some M.B.A. students and said that he was contemplating wearing a band with "Orioles" on it. (An ardent Baltimore fan, Mr. Carter gave his class an arduous one-hour exam each day his team lost.)

**Visit to M.I.T.**—Much to the delight of his class, Mr. Carter

spent several days lecturing and attending various meetings at M.I.T. Although he came across several radicals, Mr. Carter said reassuringly that most of the students were common, every-day geniuses. For prospective M.I.T. students, it might be well to note that the median SAT scores at the school were 750. (Oh well, you will probably enjoy Vanderbilt more anyway.)

**Hair**—There doesn't seem to be much room for discussion on this subject. Though even Mr. Jefferson had long hair, the fact that Mr. Carter prefers the shorter variety is no secret. Just ask Bryant, or Sugg, or . . .

**Pertinent quotations:**  
"Move over a little, Blair; I'm afraid I can't see you behind Mr. Sugg's crop of hair."

"Remember about that when you run for office, Mr. McKie."

"And in addition to 450 pages of outside reading . . ."

"But don't quote me."



Mr. Turner, a familiar face in 5th period study hall.

## a "Turner" for the better

Mr. Sam Turner, a recent addition to the English Department of MBA, is enthusiastic about the school's academic atmosphere. "I like small classes, and the students are more interested than public school students, although they aren't as interested as they could be," he told us. A native of Chattanooga, Mr. Turner graduated from Chattanooga High School. Physically active, he enjoys basketball but grabs a book when he has leisure time. His musical and literary tastes are contemporary; he likes French existentialist novelist Albert Camus and American playwright Arthur Miller.

Mr. Turner, recipient of a

scholarship from Vanderbilt, graduated last spring. He majored in economics at Vanderbilt, though he is now an English teacher. He felt his experience there was "definitely stimulating" compared to public high school.

When asked his thoughts about what it would be like if MBA were to go co-ed like the Ivy League colleges, he told us, "It's good to have both sexes, but the students wouldn't pay an attention to lessons at all with girls here. (A little double-talk??) I would also be concerned about the social part interfering with the academic part." We hope Mr. Turner will continue to be "turned-on" at, by, and with

MBA.



Our Pig's-head-on-a-stick award is given posthumously to those valiant flies who dared to invade the premises of the lunchroom counter.

Our coveted Smokey-the-Bear award is given this issue to our recently elected Assistant Fire Marshal Jim Callaway, who formerly served as Fire Prevention Expert at the Maxwell House.

The Tsetse Fly award goes to Jim Sugg for an extended six-year case of African Sleeping Sickness. Congratulations, Jim!

Having read *Lord of the Flies*, MBA seniors now know whose face is on the cover of the book: the face is that of the typical MBA senior after he has stayed up until 4:00 A.M. writing his theme on *Lord of the Flies* and suddenly realizes that he has grossly missed the point.

**Shades of a 1945 Bell Ringer:**  
**Poem of the Week**

"Ice cream cone

T-Bone steak;

If you want to get a woman,

Get a Cadillac Eight!"

The seniors are pleased with their rapid-reading course—they are up to six words a minute with 75% comprehension.

It's been heard:

Burkhalter: "But I'd rather play football."

Callaway: "So would I, Steve."

Bright: "Every year I choose a new one to kill."

Felix: "Yay, MBA."

Wiseest saying of the month: "But, Mr. Riggins, I had to do my important homework first."

Mrs. Lowry: "I'm the reason why it's no go."

## Over the Counter at Noon . . .

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## ("Escape" Continued)

heard about Nashville while still in Czechoslovakia. Because she knew of Nashville's "Music City" reputation, Miss Langerova went to the Grand Ole Opry on her first Saturday night here. She stated that she now attends U-T Night School where she takes history, art, geography, and English.

Miss Langerova experienced great difficulty in getting into the United States, and she is very limited in where she can go, particularly in Nashville. MBA was one of the places where Miss Langerova was able to go outside her restricted areas. We were very privileged to hear at MBA this extraordinary person who made us realize that freedom is greater than any other American heritage.

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## Frist, Milam Lead School

"What do you think of the student situation on campus, Mr. President?" No, this is not a question of the press directed at the president of the Senior Class and leader extraordinaire—Billy Frist. Truly Billy has had much experience in political affairs, having held the office of the class president in the 8th, 9th and 10th grades as well as vice-president of the 7th grade and honor council representative of the 11th grade.

In the field of publications, Billy has also excelled. He is this year's co-editor of the *Bell* and served as junior editor of this publication last year. He has also served on the Features staff of the *Bell* and the *Bell Ringer*.

In addition to his responsibilities in government and publications, Billy is an outstanding student. He has received numerous medals in English, mathematics, and debating. Furthermore, Billy has held membership in both the Junior and Senior Honor Societies and was recently awarded the National Merit Letter of Commendation.

Billy's record in extracurricular activities is equally imposing. A two-year veteran of the varsity football team, Billy is serving as quarterback of this year's team where his passing ability has proved to be a great asset. He holds or has held membership in the Big Red Club, Service Club, Photography Club, Chorus, F.C.A., and Totomoi. In forensics Billy has also been an outstanding debater and has received the National Forensic League's Degree of Excellence. At commencement he has received the outstanding 7th, 8th and 10th grade awards and the Sewanee Award in the 11th grade. In addition to negotiating with Mr. Carter, Billy is president of Delta Sigma, a member of the Bozart

Club, enjoys visits to the health club, dancing, karate, motorcycle riding (?) and rabbits.

Sharing with Billy the responsibilities of student government is Edwin Milam, the President of the Honor Council. Edwin came to MBA in the eighth grade from Percy Priest School and has distinguished himself as a leader and versatile individual. He has held a position on the Honor Council every year in high school, culminating with this year's presidency. The "White Lamb" is also an outstanding athlete, having lettered in varsity tennis for four years, and having played freshman, JV, and varsity basketball. He served as last year's junior editor and is this year's co-editor of the *Bell*. Edwin is also an active member of the Big Red Club, Service Club, and the Chorus, for which he provides the musical accompaniment.

Perhaps Edwin's greatest skill is his musical ability, for which he has received the Chorus Award twice and has been appropriately named "Liberace" by Mr. Bennett. During the summer months, Edwin was a student at the Sewanee Music Center and a member of the Boston University Young Artists at Tanglewood, Massachusetts.

Edwin attends St. George's Episcopal Church, where he is an acolyte. He is a member of the Alpha Chi Fraternity and the Bozart Club. Also, to confirm rumors, Edwin does play incognito in the famed Edwin Milam Trio.

The senior class is indeed fortunate to have two such outstanding boys for their leaders. In addition to their talents and accomplishments, both boys possess warm personalities and an interest in other people that should assure them of even greater success in the future.

## A BRIEF LOOK AT GREECE

On Tuesday, October 14, Mrs. Raphael Demos came to speak to MBA students on her college year in Greece and on a Greek war diary, *The Sword's Fierce Edge*, which she recently translated. During the seventh period, she spoke to Mrs. Carter's ancient history class and later addressed all other interested students. Mrs. Demos gave all the details of her junior year abroad in Athens (with its male-female ratio of 1:11). She praised Greece's austere beauty and excellent opportunities for classical studies. Also, to show Greece's fierce resistance to the Nazis in World War II, Mrs. Demos read excerpts from her book. This book is published by Vanderbilt University Press and may be obtained from any local bookstore. The enthusiasm of Mrs. Demos was so contagious that several MBA students are seriously considering a trip to Greece.



New teachers, left to right: Mr. Drake, Mr. Rust, Mr. Young, Mr. Fairbairn, Mr. Turner, Miss Lourenco.

## Additions to Faculty

This year our stately faculty has been given a rejuvenating injection of new blood in the form of six new teachers on "the hill".

A fresh face in the math department is that of Mr. Michael Drake, a recent graduate of the University of Virginia.

Taking over the subject of biology is Mr. Malcolm Rust a graduate of Austin Peay College and an experienced teacher.

Mr. Tom Young, our sophomore English teacher, comes to us from Vanderbilt University.

Mr. Donald Fairbairn, teaching calculus, senior math, and geometry, is a graduate of George Peabody College and has taught at the U.S. Naval Post-Graduate School, the U.S. Naval Prep School, and Cleveland State College.

Teaching Junior English is Mr. Sam Turner, also a graduate of Vanderbilt.

Miss Ingrid Lourenco, participating in the MAT Program at Vandy, is teaching eighth-grade Latin.

We extend a cordial welcome to these faculty members and look forward to their contributions to MBA, hoping that they, too, will benefit from their experiences here.

## The Belle



Katie—a pensive mood.

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One of the most versatile girls ever associated with MBA is this issue's Belle, Katie Haltom. A senior at St. Cecilia Academy, Katie has been an MBA cheerleader for the past two years and is this year's captain. She has been a class officer at S.C.A. every year and is now the secretary of the student body. Katie is an outstanding student and a member of the Senior Honor Society. Interested in athletics, she enjoys diving and water skiing and has been on the school's basketball and tennis teams for four years.

Our Belle is the secretary of

the SAP club and is also the Delta Sigma Sweetheart. What kind of boy does she like? One who is sincere and considerate, who has a good sense of humor, who does "fun things", and who is not possessive. What does Katie enjoy doing on a date? She likes combos, cold football games, and drive-in movies.

If you ever want to get in touch with Katie, you can find her skiing on Old Hickory Lake, playing tennis, attending a Memphis convention, listening to the *Fifth Dimension*, cheerleading, or possibly searching for something at the bottom of Hillwood swimming pool.

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